

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section inserted after the title and before the "Field of the Invention" section via the Preliminary Amendment filed December 9, 2003 as follows:

--The present application is a continuation of U.S. application no. 10/222,990, filed on August 19, 2002, Patent No. 6,693,117, which is a continuation of U.S. application No. 09/761,833, filed on January 18, 2001, ~~(now U.S. Patent No. 6,455,545).~~ ~~The '833 application~~ which is a continuation of U.S. application no 09/029,633, filed on March 5, 1998, ~~(now U.S. Patent No. 6,187,792).~~ ~~The '633 application represents U.S. which was the~~ national stage of international application No. PCT/SE97/02050, filed which had an international filing date of December 9, 1997, ~~and which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) on July 2, 1998~~ and which. ~~The international application claims priority to Swedish application~~ Application No. ~~nos-9604785-7, filed on December 20, 1996 and~~ Swedish Application No. 9702535-7, filed on July 1, 1997.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 6-11 as follows:

--C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl; or heteroaryl having from 5 to 10 atoms selected from any of C, S, N and O; wherein the aryl and heteroaryl may optionally and independently be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from any of hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $-(CH_2)_pCF_3$ , halogen,  $-CONR^5R^4$ ,  $-COOR^5$ ,  $-COR^5$ ,  $-(CH_2)_pNR^5R^4$ ,  $-(CH_2)_pCH_3$ ,  $-(CH_2)_pSOR^5$ ,  $(CH_2)_pCH_2(CH_2)_pSOR^5R^4$ ,  $-(CH_2)_pSO_2R^5$ , and  $-(CH_2)_pSO_2NR^5R^4$ , wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above and p is 0, 1 or 2;--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 13-19 as follows:

--(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl)-(C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl); or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl)heteroaryl, the heteroaryl moieties having from 5 to 10 atoms selected from any of C, S, N and O, and where the aryl or heteroaryl may optionally and independently be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from any of hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $-(CH_2)_qCF_3$ , halogen,  $-CONR^5R^4$ ,  $-COOR^5$ ,  $-COR^5$ ,  $-(CH_2)_qNR^5R^4$ ,  $-(CH_2)_qCH_3$ ,  $-(CH_2)_qSOR^5$ ,  $(CH_2)_qCH_2(CH_2)_qSOR^5R^4$ ,  $-(CH_2)_qSO_2R^5$ ,  $-(CH_2)_qSO_2NR^5R^4$  and

—(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>OR<sup>5</sup>—(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>OR<sup>5</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above and q is 0, 1 or 2; and—

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 11-17 as follows:

--wherein R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above, and wherein the phenyl ring of each A substituent may be optionally and independently substituted at any position of the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> which are each and independently selected from hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, halogen, —CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —COOR<sup>6</sup>, —COR<sup>6</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SOR<sup>6</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SOR<sup>6</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup> and —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above and r is 0, 1, or 2;--

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 5-11 as follows:

--wherein R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above, and wherein the phenyl ring of each A substituent may be optionally and independently substituted at any position of the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> which are each and independently selected from hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, halogen, —CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —COOR<sup>6</sup>, —COR<sup>6</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SOR<sup>6</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup> and —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> is each and independently as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above and r is 0, 1, or 2;--

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 15-21 as follows:

--R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> is each and independently selected from hydrogen, a branched or straight C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> (alkyl-cycloalkyl) wherein alkyl is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl and cycloalkyl is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl; and heteroaryl having from 5 to 6 atoms selected from any of C, S, N and O; and where the aryl or heteroaryl may optionally and independently be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from any of hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, halogen, —CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, —COOR<sup>5</sup>, —COR<sup>5</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, —(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>SOR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>4</sup>,

$-(CH_2)_pSO_2R^5$ , and  $-(CH_2)_pSO_2NR^5R^4$ , wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is each and independently as defined for  $R^1$  above and  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2;--

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 22-27 as follows:

--wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  are both ethyl, and where the phenyl ring optionally and independently may be substituted at any position of the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  which are each and independently selected from hydrogen,  $CH_3$ ,  $-(CH_2)_iCF_3$ , halogen,  $-CONR^6R^7$ ,  $-COOR^6$ ,  $-COR^6$ ,  $-(CH_2)_rNR^6R^7$ ,  $-(CH_2)_rCH_3$ ,  $-(CH_2)_rSOR^6$ ,  $-(CH_2)_rSO_2R^6$  and  $-(CH_2)_rSO_2NR^6R^7$  wherein  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  is each and independently as defined for  $R^1$  above and  $r$  is 0, 1, or 2;--